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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 172

BY SENATOR MURRAY

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Affirms the support of the Senate for the leadership, cooperation, and collaboration of Louisiana's postsecondary institutions of higher education in statewide initiatives that address Black male success in higher education.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express and affirm the support and appreciation of the Senate of the Legislature of
3 Louisiana for the leadership, cooperation, and collaboration of Louisiana's
4 postsecondary institutions of higher education in their desire and efforts to develop
5 and participate in statewide initiatives that address Black male student success in
6 higher education.

7 WHEREAS, Louisiana's growing workforce demands greater educational attainment
8 by its citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, illustrative data from the New Orleans metro area indicate that only
10 11% of Black males in the New Orleans metro area earn bachelor's degrees and that the
11 Black male employment rate in New Orleans in 2011 was 48% versus 74% for white males;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the legislature has created the Workforce and Innovation for a Stronger
14 Economy (WISE) Plan to strengthen the collaboration between higher education, economic
15 development, and workforce commission; and

16 WHEREAS, the Southern University System created the Five Fifths Agenda for
17 America demonstration project in 2011; and

18 WHEREAS, Dillard University hosted the Louisiana Summit on the Black Male

1 Success in Higher Education March 2014; and

2 WHEREAS, Xavier University, Dillard University, Southern University, and the city
3 of New Orleans are currently working on a citywide initiative that focuses on this issue; and

4 WHEREAS, the presidents of the Louisiana Community and Technical College
5 System, the Louisiana State University System, the Southern University System, and the
6 University of Louisiana System, as well as the leadership of the Louisiana Board of Regents
7 and the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, have reaffirmed
8 the value of developing collaborative statewide initiatives that focus on Black male student
9 success in higher education and their desire to be a part of such initiatives.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
11 does hereby express and affirm its support for all Louisiana postsecondary institutions of
12 higher education and their leadership to cooperate and collaborate in developing statewide
13 initiatives that address Black male success in higher education.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
15 presidents of the public higher education systems, the chairman of the Board of Regents, and
16 the president of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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